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PART--I-- Orders and Notifications by the Government of Tripura, The High Court, Government Treasury etc.

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA

(Payment of compensation for loss of human life or injury, cattle killed and damage of crops etc due to depredation by wild animal- regarding)

FOREST DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 20 Dated, Agartala, the 21st July, 2018.
No. F.(78)/WL-2015

ORDER

The matter of raising the amount of ex-gratia assistance to affected families for death or injury to human beings, loss of cattle, damage to crops / live stocks, hut, building etc. caused by the wild animals has been under active consideration of the State Government.

And after taking into consideration various factors, the Governor, Tripura is hereby pleased to upwardly revise the amount of ex-gratia assistance / compensation in the event of death or injury to any member of the public, cattle or damage to crops etc caused due to attack by the wild animals as under :

a)	Death or permanent incapacitation to human being due to attack of wild animals.	Rs. 5.00 Lakhs
b)	Grievous injury to human beings due to attack of wild animals.	Rs. 2.00 Lakhs
c)	Minor injury to human beings due to attack of wild animals.	Cost of treatment up to Rs. 25,000 /- per person in Government Hospital.
d)	Damage of crops by wild animals.	Actual damage subject to ceiling up to highest of Rs. 20,000/- per person.
e)	Damage to live stocks by wild animals.	Rs. 500/- to Rs. 3,000/- subject to actual quantum of loss.

f)	Damage to hut or temporary structure caused by wild animals.	i) Against total damage Rs. 10,000/-. ii) Against partial damage Rs. 5,000/-.
g)	Damage to semi permanent house (GCI sheet or Tally roof) caused by wild	Actual damage subject to a ceiling up to highest of Rs. 15,000/-.
h)	Damage to permanent house with RCC roof caused by wild animals.	Actual damage subject to a ceiling up to highest of Rs. 25,000/-.

2. The charges on account of payment of compensation in respect of depredation due to attack of wild animals across Tripura will be met from the respective Head of Account under the Major Head 2406-Forestry & Wildlife, 02-Forestry, 110-Wildlife Preservation, 40-08-Control of poaching & illegal Trading of Wildlife, 31-Grant-in-aid, Scheme No.17. Demand No. 30 Forestry & Wildlife in the budget of the relevant year.

2.1. Such assistance will not be applicable in case the assistance is given to any person from the fund of the Central Government.

3. The payment of compensation shall be subject to the conditions as laid down in the guidelines enclosed at Annexure-I and II.

4. The Chief Wildlife Warden shall be the competent authority to issue sanction of the compensation amount on the basis of report of the concerned Sub Divisional Forest Officer and as per assessment made by the concerned Sub Divisional Magistrate of Civil Sub-Division concerned in respect of livestock, huts, buildings and damage to crops as the case may be.

5. This issues with the approval of the Government vide U.O.No.182/MIN-FOR/2018 Dated 09-07-2018.

6. This is issued in cancellation of G.O. No.185 dt. 01-04-2005, G.O. No. 36 dt. 14-01-2013 and G.O. 40 dt. 16.12.2016.

By order of the Governor,

Harshakumar. C, IFS
Additional Secretary to the
Government of Tripura.

ANNEXURE - I

RULES FOR PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO CATTLE KILLED BY WILD ANIMALS IN TRIPURA.

The financial assistance as compensation for death of domestic cattle (which term includes Buffaloes, Bullocks, Bulls, Cows, Sheep and their young ones but does not included Goats & camels) killed by a carnivore (which term for the purpose of this rule includes Hyena, Wolf, Wild Dog, Bear, Panther, Leopard, Crocodile and Tiger) shall be paid subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions :

1. Compensation will be payable when any cattle is killed by a carnivore. No compensation shall however be paid for migratory cattle killed inside the Sanctuary / Protected Area.

2. Information regarding the kill of cattle by a carnivore shall be given to the nearest Forest Officer by the owner within 72 hours i.e. (3 days) of the killing.

3. Under no circumstances the kill could be shifted from the place where it was killed or found left by the carnivore till it is inspected by a Forest Officer, not below the rank of a Forest Guard.

4. The incident of cattle killed by a carnivore shall be certified by a Forest Officer not below the rank of Forester who will verify the age, general health and also estimate the money value of the cattle field.

5. The amount of compensation shall be assessed as per the market value of the cattle killed as assessed by Livestock Inspector or Veterinary Officer or Village Pradhan / Village Chairman as per availability.

6. The Chief Wildlife Warden shall sanction the amount of compensation to be paid to the owner of the cattle.

7. The full compensation can be paid by draft / cheque / direct beneficiary transfer as desired by the villager in the presence of two local Panchayat members.

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ANNEXURE - II

RULES FOR PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA FOR INJURY OR TO LOSS OF LIFE DUE TO ATTACK BY WILD ANIMALS IN TRIPURA.

Ex gratia payment will be made towards injury or loss of human life by any wild animal except snakes and monkeys in the State on fulfillment of the following conditions :

1. Spot inspection shall be done preferable within 2 days if it is loss of life, by a Forest Officer not below the rank of Forest Range Officer or by a Police Officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector.

2. A Medical Certificate as to the cause of injury or loss of life will be necessary from a Government Doctor not below the rank of Assistant Civil Surgeon in respect of such incident.

3. `The ex-gratia payment will be made to the person injured or to the legal heir in case of death of the person.

4. The maximum limit of Ex-gratia, in an individual case shall not exceed Rs. 5.00 lakhs (Rupees Five lakhs only) in case of loss human life. Half of the amount shall be paid through Demand Draft and remaining shall be paid through long term deposits. Funeral charges of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) may be paid on the same day by the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer / Wildlife Warden / Forest Range Officer, which will be deducted from Ex-gratia amount sanctioned.

5. In case of grievous injury an amount of Rs. 2.00 lakhs (Rupees Two lakhs only) shall be paid plus free medical treatment for the following :

a) Total permanent disablement resulting in disqualification to continue in any vocation.
b) Grievous hurt falling within Section 320 of the Indian penal Code.
   i) Emasculation
   ii) Permanent privation of sight of either eye.
   iii) Privation of any member of joint of the body.
   iv) Destruction or permanent impairing of power of any member of joint of the body.
   v) Permanent disfiguration of face or head.

6. In case of minor injury the actual cost of treatment (maximum ceiling up to Rs. 25,000/- per person) shall be paid on production of Medical Bill certified by a Government Doctor not below the rank of Assistant Civil Surgeon. However, in case of injury or hospitalization of the victim, advance payment up to a maximum of Rs. 2,500/- (Rupees Two thousand and five hundred only) may be paid by the Sub- Divisional Forest Officer / Wildlife Warden having jurisdiction over the area in consultation with the hospital authorities and this is to be adjusted during the final payment.

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